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*A 163d Reconnaissance Wing MQ-1 Predator, Block 15, flies through the sky of Victorville*



# First Sergeant says commit to change each day

*Master Sgt. Gilbert Sanchez*

*163d Reconnaissance Wing First Sergeant*

My favorite part of watching 60 Minutes is Andy Rooney's five minutes at the end of the show. In just minutes his insights, wisdom and wit make me question the very fabric of my being.

I find myself pondering the topic Mr. Rooney has chosen for days, which was New Year's resolutions, losing weight, stop smoking, etc, and the numerous ways to celebrate New Year's. Rooney explained how he didn't change his daily routine to bring in the New Year, instead he was in bed by 10 p.m.

I was frustrated, why would Andy Rooney not stay up until midnight and celebrate the coming of the New Year. No parties, no watching the

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ball drop in Times Square and no resolutions. What was he thinking?

And as Mr. Rooney continued to explain the insignificance of New Years in his life I found myself ques-

tioning my own celebrating of New Years and the resolutions I have made over the years (he got me again).

Resolving to make a change in ones life is not a once a year event. And attaching a date to that resolution (Jan 1st) has even less significance. Whether it be weight loss or smoking, everyday requires a resolution and a commitment to change. It is so easy to break a New Years resolution and give up only to resolve to change again next year. And the cycle continues.

So this year resolve and commit yourself to change each day and don't wait until January 1.

## Security Forces Squadron Commander Awards SFS Member AF Commendation Medal



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*

*Commander of the 163d Security Forces Squadron, Maj. Carlos Girard, congratulates Staff Sgt. Ronald Brovetto after awarding him the Air Force Commendation Medal, which he recently earned while deployed to Iraq.*

# Wing Training Office Graduates CCAF Class

**Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette**

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs*

For the first time in two years, the 163d Reconnaissance Wing's Training Office held a Community College of The Air Force graduation ceremony, Jan. 10 at the Regional Training Site at March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

More than 70 family, friends and unit members watched as 13 grizzlies received their Associate's Degree in Applied Science. Twenty-two other members received their degrees but were not present at the ceremony.

For some graduates, this degree was their second. Master Sgt. Marcy Newbern received two CCAF degrees during the ceremony; one in Restaurant, Hotel and Fitness Management and the other was for Human Resource Management.

During the ceremony, the keynote

speaker was Chaplain 1st Lt. David Sarmiento and he said, "Moments are to be treasured, not just lived, savor this accomplishment, it is brimming with life. This is your moment. Class of 2010, go fourth and seize your divine moment to change your tomorrow."

## **Semester Hour Break Down**

<b>Technical Education</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Leadership, Management &amp; Military Studies</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>General Education</b>	<b>15*</b>
<b>Oral Communication</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Written Communication</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Humanities</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Program Elective</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>64</b>

"Some people may not realize this, but the Air Force is the only branch of the military that has a community college," said Tech. Sgt. Norma Castaneda, unit training office. "It's one reason some people pick this service to join."

The CCAF is a federally chartered degree-granting institution that exclusively services enlisted personnel. After a student completes a degree program specifically designed for their AFSC, they earn an Associate's Degree in Applied Science. The CCAF issued its first degree in 1977.

Since then, the college has awarded over 300,000 associate in applied science degrees.

Servicemembers are automatically enrolled in these special degree programs when they choose an AFSC. The programs are designed to provide knowledge, skills and theoretical background for enhanced performance.

The degree consists of a minimum of 64 semester hours. See semester hour list for the plan requirements. For more information concerning this benefit, contact the Force Development Office at (951) 655-3072.



*Photo by Tech. Sgt. Diane Ducat*

Back row, left to right, Tech. Sgt. Karen Jackson, Staff Sgt. Hannah Reed, Master Sgt. Frank Miezwa II, Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Reyes, Tech. Sgt. Joan Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Kristina Morales, Tech. Sgt. Nona Qualls and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Carrero. Front row, left to right, First Sergeant Master Sgt. Gilbert Sanchez, Staff Sgt. Zachary Watson, Tech. Sgt. Jason Young, Chaplain 1st Lt. David Sarmiento, Col. Randall Ball, Col. Bruce Stewart, Chief Master Sgt. Jennifer Crain, Master Sgt. Marcy Newbern and Senior Master Sgt. Dwayne Caldwell.



# Legal Office: New Years Brings New Laws!

*Master Sgt. Jose Martinez*

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Legal Office*

The following is a synopsis of some of the new laws that became legal January 1, 2010, unless otherwise noted. The purpose of these summaries is to inform you of the new laws, however for more information or clarification please review the given California Assembly Bill, or the Spouse Residency Relief Act.

## **NEW TAX RELIEF FOR MILITARY SPOUSES**

Spouses Residency Relief Act, signed into law on November 11, 2009, provides relief to military spouses by allowing them to file in their domicile state rather than the state of military assignment provided presence (or absence) in that state is due to the service member's compliance with military orders. Under the Act any income earned by the spouse in a state of domicile is not treated as income earned in that state if that spouse is not treated as a resident of that state. The new rules are effective for any state or local income tax return filed for any tax year beginning in 2009.

*The California State legislature also enacted the following laws:*

## **VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT**

AB 14 authorizes cities or counties to adopt local ordinances stating that if a person is arrested for using a vehicle to commit or attempt to commit a crime of prostitution or illegal commercial dumping, that vehicle may be considered a public

nuisance and impounded for up to 30 days, if the person has at least one prior conviction for either of those crimes in the previous three years. AB 14 also requires vehicle-storage facilities to accept a bank credit or debit card or cash for payment of towing, storage and related fees. Storage-facility operators who refuse to accept a



credit or debit card or cash shall be civilly liable for four times the amount the fees, not to exceed \$500.

## **DRIVER'S LICENSE COST**

The cost of new and renewed California driver's licenses is up from \$28 to \$31. A duplicate driver's license now costs \$25, and an identification card now costs \$24.

## **DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE**

AB 91 authorizes the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to create a pilot project requiring all convicted DUI offenders in Alameda, Los

Angeles, Sacramento and Tulare counties to install an ignition interlock device (IID) on every vehicle they own or operate as a condition of getting their driver's license back. The amount of time the IID needs to remain installed is based upon the number of DUI convictions. Evaluations will be conducted to determine if the IID pilots are effective at reducing DUIs. This law will become effective July 1, 2010.

## **VEHICLE VIDEO DISPLAYS**

Assembly Bill (AB) 62 permits a person to drive a motor vehicle with a video screen that is displaying a TV or video signal, located in the vehicle's front seat area, as long as the video screen is designed, operated, and configured in a manner that prevents the driver of the vehicle from viewing the show or video.

## **SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER**

Senate Bill (SB) 240 makes permanent the Move Over law, which is intended to enhance safety around emergency vehicles or tow trucks stopped on freeways. Drivers approaching a stationary emergency vehicle or tow truck with its siren or emergency lights activated must proceed with caution and move into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle or tow truck. If such a move is not safe, practicable, or legal, the driver must slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing conditions. Under SB 240, motorists must also move over for California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) vehicles.

# Grizzlies Hold Hometown Heroes Salute Ceremony

**Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette**

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs*

The 163d Reconnaissance Wing held a Hometown Heroes award ceremony for the first time ever, Jan. 9, recognizing 11 unit members and their employers, family and friends.

The Director of the ANG sanctioned the Hometown Heroes Salute program in August of 2008. The ceremony recognizes guardsmen who have deployed for more than 30 consecutive days in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The member receives a special letter of appreciation, signed by the Director of the Air National Guard and the ANG Command Chief Master Sergeant. It's all encased in a rosewood frame, along with two Hometown Heroes Salute coins mounted in it.

Part of the letter states, "This letter of appreciation is presented to true American Heroes, in recognition of service and sacrifice in the cause of freedom."

The coin is symbolic. The front of it is the American Flag, which is the symbol of our Nation's strength and unity. The Minuteman represents our readiness to guard and defend America from all foreign and domestic enemies. And the words, "American Airman," represent the Airman's Creed.

On the back of the coin, the ribbon is the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Imprinted on this side is 9/11, which represents, "America will never forget," - President George W. Bush. The Eagle, America's national symbol, represents the observant and steadfast posture of the U.S. The red banner represents the sacrifices made, in pursuit of total victory. And the words, "Wingman,

Leader, Warrior," printed around the edge represent the Airman's Creed.

The following individuals received these awards during ceremony.

**1st Lt. Daniel Vargas** - Deployed to Colombia, South America in 2006. He also deployed to Afghanistan as a security forces team member in 2006. In 2003, he deployed to Kuwait International Airport.

**Master Sgt. Ruben Negrette** - In 2007, he deployed to Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

**Master Sgt. Raymond Linares** - He was activated in 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom and was stationed at March Air Reserve Base. He also deployed to Camp Sather, Baghdad, Iraq.

**Staff Sgt. Brian Uribe** - In 2008 to 2009, he deployed to the 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Sather Air Base, Baghdad.

**Tech. Sgt. Eugene Biscailuz** - In 2007 to 2008, he deployed to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing in Balad, Iraq.

**Tech. Sgt. Elvin Galindo** - In 2005, he deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. In 2001, he deployed to the country of Turkey for four months as a

Security Forces Officer.

**Staff Sgt. Kevin Little** - He deployed to Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan.

**Staff Sgt. Dustin Cornell** - He has deployed three times. In 2008, he deployed to Jalalabad Air Field, Afghanistan. In 2007, he was one of the first members from the 163d Maintenance Group to deploy to Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan to the AOR (Area of Responsibility) for the Predator. In 2006, Sergeant Cornell deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

**Capt. Barbara Sexton** - In 2002, she deployed to the Navy Station at Souda Bay, Crete.

**Tech. Sgt. James Benton** - He was activated for three years in a row as an Intelligence Mission Coordinator. He also deployed to New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina.

**Tech. Sgt. Lee Nichols** - He has been on active duty orders for the past three years. In 2005, he deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. In 2002, he deployed to CENTCOM for a year, supporting CIA operations, during the initial operation against Afghanistan. In 2000, he deployed with the 2nd Infantry Division to the DMZ in Korea.



*Photo by Tech. Sgt. Diane Ducat*

*163d Maintenance Group Commander Col. Charles Manley presented the Hometown Heroes award to Staff Sgt. Dustin Cornell and his wife, Airman 1st Class Vivian Cornell*



# Unit Emergency Manager Gets "Gold" Certified

*Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*

*163d Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs*

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) recently recognized the 163d Reconnaissance Wing's Emergency Manager as one of six Certified Emergency Managers in the Air Force.

Receiving this certificate was Tech. Sgt. Marc Trujillo, from the 163d Civil Engineering Squadron.

The IAEM is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the goals of saving

lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters. Its certification program was developed to standardize and professionalize the emergency management career field around the world.

hensive written examination as well as six contributions to the career field. Sergeant Trujillo explained how aligning the military and civilian certification requirements will improve interoperable capabilities with both counter parts during Defense Support to Civil Authorizes (DISCA) and war time operations.

"This standard ensures everyone is speaking the same professional language, using the same techniques and performing the same functions as their counterparts," said Sergeant Trujillo.

Sergeant Trujillo has been running the 163d Emergency Management program for the last three of his nine years in the career field.

"Emergency management is a career field which deals with "All-Hazard" preparedness and response," said Sergeant Trujillo, "In order to prepare personnel for any possible disaster, this career field must coordinate with many different organizations to develop and execute exercises, ranging from tabletop discussions to full scale events involving multi-agency responses."

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"The CEM program is recognized as a gold standard certification. As a result, the Air Force has adopted it as a model for the Air Force Emergency Management career field," said Sergeant Trujillo.

To obtain this certification requirements include a combination of experience, formal education and training, completion of a management essay and compre-



*Photo submitted by Tech. Sgt. Marc. Trujillo*  
*Arthur Rabjohn, President of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Europa, presents a Certificate of Emergency Manager (CEM) to Tech. Sgt. Marc Trujillo. This certificate made Sergeant Trujillo one of only six CEM Air Force wide, which is the growing standard for all emergency managers world wide.*

## ABC's David Muir Visits the 163d Reconnaissance Wing's Flying Training Unit for Special Report



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*

David Muir, News Anchor for ABC's World News, visited the 163d Reconnaissance Wing's Flying Training Unit Jan. 12 to broadcast a live World News special report about the MQ-1 Predator Mission. The report also included an interview with Wing Commander Col. Randall Ball and Operations Group Commander Col. Dana Hessheimer.

## Unit Member's Daughter Donates Soccer Balls to Children in Kirkuk Iraq



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Duquette*

Left to right Elias, Whitney, Torrey and Denali, children of Maj. Christopher Linton, took part in Operation Soccer Ball by donating 10 soccer balls. Denali raised the money to purchased the balls by herself and sent them in the mail Jan. 29. "The Iraqi children's eyes just open up when they see a gift like this; they truly love the sport of soccer," said Master Sgt. William Chang, Kirkuk Regional AB, Iraq.



### Billeting Hotline Number!

Members with issues, complaints, or concerns regarding billeting reservations or contracted rooms, or who need to cancel their rooms last-minute can contact the first sergeant's on-call hotline number at **(951) 453-7620**. The phone line is active beginning Friday afternoon and continuing through the Sunday morning of each drill weekend. To cancel a reservation during the month, please contact your unit lodging POC.

### Traditional Intel Officer Board

Intel has a commissioning opportunity for a traditional Intel Officer, AFSC 14N1. A board is slated to be held Sunday of March 2010 UTA. Qualified applicants must have the following completed for consideration: Bachelor degree and the AFOQT completed. Interested wing members please submit the following to Maj. Eileen Mueller by Feb. 6, 2010: Letter of intent, resume and current rip that may be downloaded from the Air Force Portal. Any questions may be directed to Major Mueller at (951) 655-3188.

### ID Card Lost/Damage Procedures

The Military Personnel Element, or customer service section, is strictly enforcing the provision outlined in AFI 36-3026 on the loss, theft or destruction procedures of an ID Card. For a replacement card, the MPE will provide a standard memorandum to be completed by the member and commander in order to be issued a new ID card. Two forms of proper identification are required at time of issuance. Some accept-

able documents are US passports, Permanent Resident Cards, Driver's license, School ID with photo, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate and Native American Tribal document. Expired documents are not authorized. Refer to Form I-9 for a full list of acceptable documents.

### Diversity Committee

The Equal Opportunity office is forming a Diversity Committee and would like to invite everyone to join. Diversity is not limited to race, color, national origin, sex or religion. It encompasses life experiences, socioeconomic backgrounds, geographical background, single or married, educational background and employment sector, etc. The goal of this group is to promote education and awareness of the diversity

within the unit. How we go about reaching our goal is entirely up to the group. For more information contact the EO staff at Jessica.huerta@ang.af.mil or kel.thedel@ang.af.mil.

### Free Tax Consultation, E-Filing

MilitaryOneSource offers a simple and easy way to get tax consultation and file your federal and state taxes online for free. For more information, visit [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).

### Free Antivirus

As a military member, one of the benefits available to you is free antivirus programs for use on your home PC. For more information contact your Cilent Support Administrator.

### Chaplain Corps Inspiration

Greetings Grizzlies,

As we transition into the second month of the New Year, remember to keep the faith, always keeping your goals insight. Though some of you may have already encounter challenges, you all have the ability to overcome and make this year even better than the last. You must strive to succeed and grasp every moment, as if it were your last. The Chaplain Corps Office is available Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. come in, call (951) 655-5405 or call Chaplain 1st Lt. David Sarmiento's Duty Cell Phone at (951) 232-0496.

Blessings,

163d Chaplain Corps

"Love the moment. Flowers grow out of dark moments. Therefore, each moment is vital. It affects the whole. Life is a succession of such moments and to live each, is to succeed." Sister Mary Corita Kent (1918-1986); Artist, Educator.

### Chapel Service Schedule

#### Protestant Service

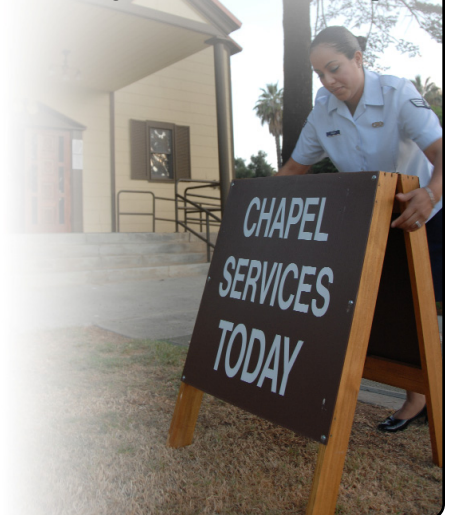
Sunday UTA, 12 to 12:30 p.m.  
Chaplain Sarmiento in the Ops.  
Aircrew Briefing Room.

#### Catholic Mass

Sunday UTA, 11 - 11:50 a.m.  
Father McNally in the Base Chapel.

#### Catholic Reconciliation

Sunday UTA, 12 - 12:30 p.m.  
following Mass in the Base Chapel.





## UTA Weekend Menu

*If you are authorized lodging Friday before the unit training assembly, you qualify for breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday, also breakfast and lunch Sunday. All meals will be provided by the Hap Arnold Club.*

Saturday, Feb. 6

### Breakfast 0530 - 0730

Scrambled Eggs	Buttermilk Biscuits
Scrambled Egg Beaters	Assorted Fresh Fruit
Oven Grilled Bacon	Assorted Jams & Jellies
Pork Sausage	Assorted Dry Cereal
Links	Hot Fresh Coffee
Cream Beef	Chilled Milk
French Toast	Orange Juice

### Lunch 1030 - 1300

Beef Stroganoff	Soup Of The Day
Filet Of Sole	Dinner Rolls W/ Butter
Mashed Potatoes	Assorted Salads & Dressings
Steamed Rice	Assorted Desserts
Buttered Corn	Assorted Beverages
Brown Gravy	

### Dinner 1600 - 1800

Knockwurst & Sauerkraut	Soup Of The Day
Baked Chicken	Dinner Rolls W/ Butter
Whipped Potatoes	Assorted Salads & Dressings
Steamed Rice	Assorted Desserts
Buttered Green Beans	Assorted Beverages

Sunday, Feb. 7

### Breakfast 0530 - 0730

Scrambled Eggs	Buttermilk Biscuits
Scrambled Egg Beaters	Assorted Fresh Fruit
Oven Grilled Bacon	Assorted Jams & Jellies
Pork Sausage	Assorted Dry Cereal
Links	Hot Fresh Coffee
Cream Beef	Chilled Milk
French Toast	Orange Juice

### Lunch 1030 - 1300

Spaghetti / Meat Sauce	Soup Of The Day
Teriyaki Chicken	Dinner Rolls W/ Butter
Mashed Potatoes	Assorted Salads & Dressings
Steamed Rice	Assorted Desserts
Mixed Vegetables	Assorted Beverages
Brown Gravy	

### Dinner 1600 - 1800

Swedish Meatballs	Dinner Rolls W/ Butter
Fried Catfish	Assorted Salads & Dressings
Whipped Potatoes	Assorted Desserts
Steamed Rice	Assorted Beverages
Buttered Corn	
Soup Of The Day	

## Congratulations 'Grizzly' Promotions



**Karen Wood**

163d Reconnaissance Wing



**Jassen Bluto**

163d Security Forces Squadron

**Charles Mathews**

196th Reconnaissance Squadron



**Allen King**

163d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



**Christopher Stout**

163d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Steven Hanes**

163d Operations Group



**Ronald Henderson**

163d Civil Engineer Squadron

**Dawn Mikulski**

163d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Jim Fields**

163d Civil Engineer Squadron



**Matthew Bradley**

196th Reconnaissance Squadron

**Marcos Cuenca**

163d Civil Engineer Squadron

**Adriana Garcia**

163d Reconnaissance Wing



Congratulations to Senior Airman Joseph Rafferty who completed Airman Leadership School.

A job-well-done goes to Tech. Sgts. Norma Castaneda, Amber Kropf, Joe Prouse, Chris Stout and Christine Spencer for all completing their NCO Academy.

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Earl Rankin for completing Senior NCO Academy.

Hats off to Master Sgt. Rico Simeon who received the Distinguished Graduate Award while attending the Network Infrastructure Systems Apprentice course.

A great-job goes to Airman 1st Class Jacqueline Carbajal who received honors on the Academic Honor List for achieving a 90 percent or higher academic average for the Operations Intelligence Apprentice course.

Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Jorge Cordova who received the Distinguished Graduate Award while attending the Electrical Systems Apprentice course.

Last but not least, congratulations to the following individuals for receiving 90 percent or better on CDC/Distance Learning End-of-Course Tests: Maj. Tim Pomeroy, received a score of 96 percent on course 30F, Air Command and Staff College; Capt. Amanda Herrington, received a score of 94 percent on course 28E, Squadron Officer School and Staff Sgt. Cameron Holman, received a score of 92 percent on course 2E251, Network Infrastructure Systems.

